
HIGHLIGHTS 2000

Successful Y2K Conversion

Under the leadership of Senate Legislative Branch Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Robert F. Bennett, GPO managed the transition to the Year 2000 successfully, with no disruptions to the essential computer systems supporting Congress's information products. GPO worked with the Senate and the House of Representatives, as well as the General Accounting Office's oversight team, to prepare for the transition and staffed these systems on New Year's Eve to monitor the transition.

Commenting on GPO's record of preparedness at the FY 2001 appropriations hearing in February 2000, Chairman Bennett told Public Printer Michael F. DiMario that "[w]e are delighted of course with the fact that there were no Y2K problems, with the *Congressional Record* printed appropriately and on time..."

GPO Ranked First Again Among Nation's In-Plants

For the second year in a row, GPO was named the top in-plant printing operation in the Nation in a survey conducted by *In-Plant Graphics*, a widely respected journal of the in-plant printing industry. The ranking was released in the December 1999 issue of *In-Plant Graphics*.

As it did in 1998, *In-Plant Graphics* considered factors like budget, employees, and number of printed jobs. Annual impressions, sales per employee, customer service, responsiveness, and efficiency were also considered. According to the editor's note, the purpose of the ranking was to "show the world that the in-plant industry is strong, and is made up of efficient operations capable of handling complicated, critical work."

In its article entitled "The Digitizing of GPO," *In-Plant Graphics* noted the work GPO performed in making the U.S. District Court's "Findings of Fact" in the Microsoft case available in November 1999 in both print and electronic formats, observing that at GPO "such monumental projects have become second nature."

The magazine pointed out, "Now in its 139th year of existence, GPO has drastically changed itself over the past few years from a strictly ink-on-paper provider to a high-tech digital data delivery organization." *In-Plant Graphics* reported that "the public now downloads some 20 million documents a month from **GPO Access**..." The article also reported on GPO's efforts to upgrade its online delivery capabilities to handle the ever-increasing demand for its information services.

At the same time, *In-Plant Graphics* noted that "print is still strong" at GPO, with the recent installation of state-of-the-art computer-to-plate systems and a new automated passport bindery line. With the ongoing transition to electronics, *In-Plant Graphics* noted that GPO's plant has been able to downsize dramatically in the past 5 years, from 1,701 printing production personnel to 1,173, a drop of more than 30 percent.

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Third Biennial Report to Congress on the Status of GPO Access

GPO submitted its third *Biennial Report to Congress on the Status of GPO Access* on December 31, 1999, in accordance with section 4103 of Title 44, U.S.C. The report was also made available on **GPO Access** at www.gpo.gov/biennialreport.

At the time of the report, the information resources on **GPO Access** featured more than 1,300 databases through over 80 applications, including the *Congressional Record* and all major congressional publications, the *Federal Register* and *Code of Federal Regulations*, Supreme Court decisions, and other key Government documents.

The databases also included such noteworthy publications as *Investigating the Year 2000 Problem: The*